



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Richards Ranch CAL FIRE Training		
PROJECT LOCATION	Near Dobbins - Sections 1 and 2, T16N, R6E, MDBM Sections 19, 20, 30, 31 and 32 T17N, R7E, MDBM Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, T17N, R6E, MDBM.	COUNTY	Yuba
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Richards Ranch is a privately owned 6,045 acre cattle ranch located approximately 1 mile south of Oregon House/Dobbins, CA. This project will allow for annual training of fire suppression personnel focusing on hand line construction, brush cutting, hazard tree removal and the suppression of vegetation fire. Mobile attack burning operations will be conducted in the grass fuel models, on the flatter more accessible slopes. Prior to burning, hand crews will construct control lines around the burn perimeter to prevent fire escapes. Sufficient fire apparatus will be present during all burning activities to hold and suppress fire as necessary. All tree falling will be non-commercial and in conjunction with a CAL FIRE S-212 class. Generated slash and brush will be chipping or piled and burned.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Type/Section: Class 1, 4, and 7 14CCR§15301 (c), (h) Existing Facilities
Exemption 14 CCR§15304, Minor Alterations to Land
14CCR§15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of Natural Resources
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

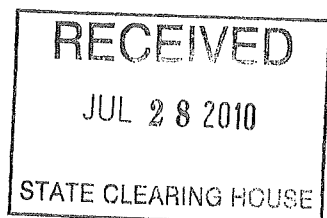
14CCR§15304, Minor Alteration to Land. The project involves the removal of vegetation and trees to facilitate CAL FIRE training.


14CCR§15301(c), Existing Facilities: maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth. Project implementation will help maintain existing native vegetation and promote a more healthy, fire resistant landscape.

14CCR§15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources: The project will facilitate fire control training and help prevent wild fire.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at NEU Headquarters in Auburn.

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